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For. **VEHICLE ALLOCATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, SYSTEM, METHOD, AND PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM RECORDING THE PROGRAM**

SUPPLEMENTAL
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment filed April 28, 2004 for the above-captioned patent application. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper, and include both an attached set of replacement sheet and an attached set of annotated sheet showing changes to FIG. 7.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 4 of this paper.